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We appreciated the opportunity to respond to the Editors comments regarding our manuscript. We have made revisions based on these suggestions, and believe our manuscript is much improved.
Below you will find the editor comments followed by our responses. Changes in the manuscript are represented by tracked changes.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

The Authors

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We have added a 4th column to the table of the 32-item COREQ guidelines checklist below, to summarize the adherence of our manuscript to these guidelines. (the table is included below, in the cover letter) Revisions in the manuscript are indicated by tracked changes, where applicable.

No. 23* Transcripts were completed in English. Therefore, participants did not have the opportunity to directly comment on them. However, bilingual community partners moderated the focus groups, translated and prepared the transcripts, providing indirect validation of attributed quotes. Furthermore, the focus group note-taker summarized the discussion points, giving discussants the opportunity to add or clarify the key messages. These points are now reflected in the limitations section of the manuscript.

No. 28** Participants did not provide feedback on the analysis results directly for reasons elucidated above. However, this was addressed indirectly through the CBPR framework as described above.

- Please specify whether the consent obtained was written or verbal.

Verbal consent was obtained for the focus groups. This is now indicated in the manuscript.